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Benton, NH Annual Report

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Annual Report of Town Officers and Benton School District

Town of Benton, New Hampshire

Annual Town Meeting

11 March 2014

Benton Town Hall, 7.00 P.M.

Welcome, fellow citizens to the annual town meeting. There have been some changes to the Town Hall building – for the better, we think – as well as upgrades to our communications network.

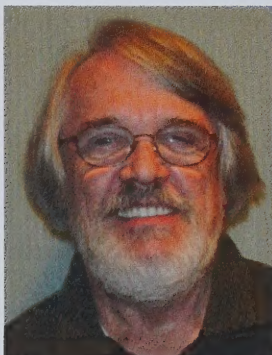
Please enjoy the meeting and raise your questions or concerns to the townsfolk as well as the Selectmen.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with town projects and to serve in administrative posts in the town government. If you are interested in a position, please talk to the Selectmen.

If anyone needs assistance with town issues, forms, permits, etc., please stop by the Town Hall building any Monday at 6.30 P.M., send an email to the Selectmen at: bentonselectmen@gmail.com, or call any of the Selectmen.

Take Care!

Your Select Board



John Hassell
603-787-2317



Elena Chevalier
603-787-6188



Daniel Elliott
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Town of Benton, New Hampshire
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Year Ending December 31 2013

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Beautify Benton Committee Yearly Report

The Beautify Benton Committee was not as busy this year as last year, but we have continued to clean the Town Hall building. We gave the Town a donation of \$2,000.00 towards the face lift of the town hall building. We should all be proud of how nice our town hall looks. We also gave a gift of money to Lyn Bandy to show her that we appreciated all the many things she had done for the town, while she was living in Benton

The Memory Tree was once again a success. We wish to give a special thanks to Stephanie Saffo for all of her efforts for the December events.

We are having a bake sale on Town Meeting day, March 11th. This is also an election day to fill the seat vacated by Ray Burton. We would appreciate baked goods or donations from the townsfolk.

Thanks to all of the people who have donated their time and treasure to improve and beautify the town.

THANK YOU ALL!!

Maxine Tyler

Treasurer



Benton Town Officers

		Term	Expires
Board of Selectmen	John Hassell	3 yrs.	2016
	Jeremy Elliott	3 yrs.	2014
	Elena Chevalier	3 yrs.	2015
	Daniel Elliott	4 mos.	2014

Note: Jeremy Elliott resigned when he moved from the Town. Daniel Elliott volunteered to fill the remainder of Jeremy's term. Daniel was sworn in by the Town Clerk, however, he is only able to remain in the Selectman's position until Town Meeting day, unless nominated and elected to serve a full 3-year Selectman's term

Moderator	Gilbert Richardson	2 yrs.	2015
Treasurer	Joyce Hassell	1 yr.	2014
Auditor	Robert Steel	1 yr.	2014
Tax Collector	Michael Stiebitz	1 yr.	2014
Town Clerk	Michael Stiebitz	1 yr.	2014
Supervisors of the Checklist	Arthur Christopher	3 yrs.	2014
	Stephanie Saffo	3 yrs.	2015
	Katherine Plachetzki	3 yrs.	2014
Ballot Clerk	Aaron Goodwin	1 yr.	2014
Ballot Inspector	Maxine Tyler	1 yr.	2014
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	1 yr.	2014
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Laura Richardson	3 yrs.	2014
	Mark Elliott	3 yrs.	2015
	Martin Noble	3 yrs.	2016

Planning Board	Kenneth Kealey	5 yrs.	2016
	Richard Saffo, Sr.	5 yrs.	2017
	Martin Noble	5 yrs.	2014
	Wayne Chevalier	5 yrs.	2015
Sexton	Aaron Goodwin	1 yr.	2014

Selectmen's Comments

The past year brought some changes to Benton, especially the Town Hall building. Here's a brief summary, from the Selectmen's perspective.

1. The web site for Benton is still not operational. John Hassell was not able to devote time to do the work. We need a volunteer to assume responsibility for getting the site up and running. The site exists, but needs to be edited and officially put on line. The volunteer must be computer literate and should have some experience with web site design. Volunteers, or suggestions for volunteers, should be addressed to any of the Selectmen.
2. Many thanks as well to the Beautify Benton Committee for their volunteer work to clean the town hall each month, and for their \$2,000 contribution to the building work.
3. The water pump failed and had to be repaired. It's working properly now, but we were unable to bury the power cable before the ground froze. Unfortunately, procrastination prevailed and we didn't get the wire buried. We will make sure it gets done this year – promise!
4. We had planned to cancel our Wild Blue satellite internet service in favor of a DSL line, however, we decided to let the subscription age a bit to lower the cancellation fee. We will switch to DSL this year.
5. As you can see, the building has a new face! Kudos to Aaron Goodwin and his team and the Beautify Benton Committee for their work to make this a reality.

The Selectmen can be reached by email. The address is: bentonselectmen@gmail.com.

If you have business to be brought before the Select Board, please stop by the weekly meeting. The Selectmen meet every Monday – with the exception of holidays - at 6.30 PM at the Benton Town Hall. The meeting is informal and does not follow a prepared agenda.

Feb.17, 2014

AUDIT OF: The Town of Benton, NH, Financial Records for 2013.

Dear Benton Neighbors,

For many years you have elected me to audit the "Town Books". For the year 2012 Lynn Bandy was elected to take over, she, however, ran into the same type of difficulty I did in 2010, the death of a much loved relative during the auditing period. Just as I was assisted in 2010, I felt a debt of gratitude to assist in 2012. Since then you again re-elected me to continue in this position. Fate or Fortune has a large role to play in our lives. I have since remarried and have a much greater perspective upon life.

During the many years leading to 2010 those who were responsible for their parts in keeping records kept them in paper journals and with hand written entries. We worked together to bring record keeping to the modern approach with a home "Desk Top" computer. We dealt with differing systems and even those who kept the records by hand until, as time passed, all are now on the same page, utilizing a computer and the same programs. You should know, regardless of the method utilized by individuals, the "Books" were always accurate and well prepared. I thank each of you for your past and even continuing efforts to keep such clear and accurate records. It must be noted that your "Town Clerk," Mike Stiebetz, was an INVALUABLE key that kept the entire process recorded and archived, that you may, upon a proper request, view the results of this year's Audit.

The year 2013 Town Audits are, in the Benton Tradition, NEAT, ACCURATE and NOW, available for you to view. They will not be included within the Town Report as it is far too lengthy. A simple request to the Board of Selectmen & Women, in writing, should be all that is required.

It is Not an extremely difficult task when all cooperate to complete it in a united and timely fashion.

I thank you again and wish you all a very happy and prosperous year in 2014!



Sincerely, your neighbor,
Robert D. Steel
Town Auditor

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

March 11, 2014

Town of Benton

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next, the 11th, at seven o'clock in the evening.

Note: This is also an election day to fill the seat vacated by Ray Burton. Polls will open at 11.00 AM and remain open until 7:00 PM. The town meeting may be delayed until all election related duties have been fulfilled by the election staff.

When the town meeting opens, qualified voters will be asked to vote and act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose persons for the following positions and terms of service.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Selectman	3 years	2017
Moderator	1 year	2015
Treasurer	1 year	2015
Auditor	1 year	2015
Town Clerk	1 year	2015
Tax Collector	1 year	2015
Ballot Clerk	1 year	2015
Ballot Inspector	1 year	2015
Supervisor of the Checklist	3 years	2017
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 years	2017
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber	1 year	2015
Planning Board	5 years	2019
Sexton	1 year	2015

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the officers and agents as printed.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$143,850.00 for general Municipal Operations.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for Roads. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100 to the existing Benton Fire Trust Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds to come from Unassigned Fund balance. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$3,000.00 for materials to build and stain a small deck and steps for the side door of the Town Hall; to paint remaining areas on building; to landscape around building; etc. Said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund balance. A workday will be scheduled for volunteers to complete the work. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a maximum of \$10,000.00 for the installation and replacement of 120' of culvert, 160' of underdrain, 120' of jersey barrier, to replace old guard rail on Tunnel Stream Rd, and ditch work and drainage. The scope of work is over and above regular maintenance work. This effort will reduce the cost of materials and labor for routine roads maintenance by making long-term repairs in areas with known repeat problems. Said funds to come from the Capital Reserve Fund for Roads. The Selectmen recommend this article.

A True Copy – Attest
Selectmen of Benton

John Hassell	<u>John Hassell</u>
Elena Chevalier	<u>Elena Chevalier</u>
Daniel Elliott	<u>Daniel Elliott</u>

Budget & Summary Analysis – Revenues

Source	Estimated 2013	Received 2013	Estimated 2014
Property Taxes	\$330,000.00	\$300,267.42	\$330,000.00
Timber Taxes ¹	\$4,000.00	\$8045.87	\$5,000.00
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$3,000.00	\$7001.59	\$1,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$45,000.00	\$50,224	\$44,000.00
Vital Records Searches	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bounced check fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Permits	\$300.00	\$55.00	\$330.00
Pistol Permits	\$100.00	\$445.00	\$100.00
Dog Licenses	\$600.00	\$419.50	\$400.00
Rental of Town Hall	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$100.00
Energy Grant(s)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shared Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	\$14,000.00	\$16,557.06	\$16,500.00
Highway Block Grant	\$12,000.00	\$12,779.20	\$12,900.00
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$33,000.00	\$57,833.00	\$59,000.00
Interest on Investment	\$300.00	\$144.15	\$190.00
From Capital Reserve Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$442,600.00	\$453,796.79	\$469,520.00

Note 1: The Forest Service has implemented their 5-year plan for cutting in the White Mountain National Forest. To date, however, the Town has not received any revenue from that effort. We expect to see some revenue this year.

Budget & Summary Analysis – Expenditures

Charge Point	2013 Appropriated	2013 Expended	2014 Proposed
Executive - Staff Salaries	\$10,000	\$8,084.61	\$11,500
Election Expenses	\$0	\$0.00	\$5,000
Financial Administration	\$6,500	\$3,948.13	\$9,500
Revaluation of Property	\$15,000	\$13,516.30	\$5,800
Legal Expenses	\$2,000	\$96.60	\$2,000
Personnel Admin.	\$1,200	\$1,330.00	\$1,200
Planning & Zoning	\$200	\$0.00	\$200
Gov't Buildings	\$5,000	\$4,096.15	\$5,000
Cemeteries	\$500	\$1,108.20	\$1,200
Insurance	\$2,000	\$1243.72	\$2,000
Ads & Regional Assoc.	\$2,500	\$2,590.62	\$2,700
Avitar SW	\$4,500	\$4,275.00	\$4,500
Police	\$4,000	\$0.00	\$2,500
Ambulance	\$7,000	\$6,175.00	\$4,500
Fire	\$7,500	\$4,500.00	\$7,500
Other Public Safety	\$2,300	\$1,500.00	\$2,300
Highways & Streets	\$67,500	\$76,075.14	\$70,000
Street Lighting	\$250	\$226.42	\$250
Other - Streets	\$2,000	\$0.00	\$2,000
Pest Control	\$1,000	\$205.32	\$1,000
Admin. & Dir. Assist.	\$1,500	\$887.83	\$1,000
Direct Assistance	\$500	\$400.00	\$500
Inter government welfare payments	\$0	\$0.00	\$0
Vendor Payments & Other	\$800	\$1,100.00	\$1,200
Interest on Tax Note	\$500	\$0.00	\$500
TOTAL	\$144,250	\$131,359.04	\$143,850
<i>Warrant Article 4 – Deposit to CRF for Roads</i>	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$10,000
<i>Warrant Article 5 – Deposit to CRF for Fire</i>	\$100	\$0	\$300
<i>Special Warrant Article 6 – Town Hall Siding</i>	\$20,000	\$19,764	\$3,000

Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures

Charge Point	2013 Appropriated	2013 Expended	2013 Unexpended	2013 Overdraft
Executive - Staff Salaries	\$10,000	\$8,084.61	\$1,915.39	\$0.00
Election Expenses	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Financial Administration	\$6,500	\$3,948.13	\$2,551.87	\$0.00
Revaluation of Property	\$15,000	\$13,516.30	\$1,483.70	\$0.00
Legal Expenses	\$2,000	\$96.60	\$1,903.40	\$0.00
Personnel Admin.	\$1,200	\$1,330.00	\$0.00	\$130.00
Planning & Zoning	\$200	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Gov't Buildings	\$5,000	\$4,096.15	\$903.85	\$0.00
Cemeteries	\$500	\$1,108.20	\$0.00	\$608.20
Insurance	\$2,000	\$1243.72	\$756.28	\$0.00
Ads & Regional Assoc.	\$2,500	\$2,590.62	\$0.00	\$90.62
Avitar SW	\$4,500	\$4,275.00	\$225.00	\$0.00
Police	\$2,500	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Ambulance	\$7,000	\$6,175.00	\$825.00	\$0.00
Fire	\$7,500	\$4,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Other Public Safety	\$2,000	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Highways & Streets	\$67,500	\$76,075.14	\$0.00	\$8,575.14
Street Lighting	\$250	\$226.42	\$23.58	\$0.00
Other - Streets	\$2,000	\$0.00	\$2,00.00	\$0.00
Pest Control	\$1,000	\$205.32	\$794.68	\$0.00
Admin. & Dir. Assist.	\$1,500	\$887.83	\$612.17	\$0.00
Direct Assistance	\$500	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Inter government welfare payments	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vendor Payments & Other	\$800	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Interest on Tax Note	\$500	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$142,450	\$131,359.04	\$18,794.92	\$9,703.96
<i>Warrant Article 4 – Deposit to CRF for Roads</i>	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$0.00	\$10,000
<i>Warrant Article 5 – Deposit to CRF for Fire</i>	\$100	\$0	\$100	
<i>Special Warrant Article 6 – Town Hall Siding</i>	\$20,000	\$19,764	\$236.00	\$0.00

Report of the Treasurer

Property Taxes (Year 2008)

Redemptions	486.55
Interest and Costs	414.86

Property Taxes (Year 2009)

Redemptions	3,061.14
Interest and Costs	1,576.75
Yield Taxes + Interest	421.56

Property Taxes (Year 2010)

Redemptions	4,841.75
Interest and Costs	1,792.45
Total 2008, 2009, 2010:	12,595.06

Property Taxes (Year 2011)

Redemptions	6,799.18
Interest and Costs After Lien	1,046.92
Total 2011:	7,846.10

Property Taxes (Year 2012)

Redemptions	6,060.33
Interest and Costs After Lien	54.67
Interest and Costs Before Lien	3,777.58
Total 2012:	104,337.55

Property Taxes (Year 2013)

Prepaid in 2012	6.00
Yield Taxes	252.37
Total 2013:	197,754.46

Report of the Treasurer (cont.)

Property Taxes (Year 2014)

Prepay	1,211.41
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Received from the Tax Collector:	323,738.58
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Received from the Town Clerk:

Motor Vehicle Permits/Transfers	50,278.00
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Vital Statistics – State of New Hampshire	30.00
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Dog Licenses Issued	419.50
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Return of Bad Checks	79.00
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UCC Payment from State of N.H.	75.00
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Voter Checklist Fee from State of N.H.	150.00
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Total from Town Clerk:	51,031.50
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Received from the Selectmen:

Pistol Permits	445.00
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Building Permits	55.00
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Hall Rental	25.00
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Total from the Selectmen:	525.00
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Received from State and Federal Sources:

State of New Hampshire – Highway Block Grant	12,779.20
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State of New Hampshire – Rooms and Meals Grant	16,557.06
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U.S. Department of the Interior (PILT)	57,833.00
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State of New Hampshire – (Howe Hill Fire Suppression)	70.41
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Total from State and Federal Sources:	87,239.67
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Operating Account:

Receipts for 2013	561,768.91
Bank Interest	144.15
Total Receipts for 2013	561,913.06
Cash on Hand as of 1/1/13	289,249.48
Less Selectmen's Orders for 2013	653,801.70
Year-end Total Cash:	197,360.84

Account 30502 – Yield Account:

Cash on Hand as of 1/1/13	9,791.09
Deposits	9,064.44
Interest	5.27
Withdrawals	11,648.30
Year-end Yield Account Balance:	7,212.50

Select Money Market Account:

Cash on Hand as of 1/1/13	112,835.26
Interest	395.45
Withdrawal for School	70,000.00
Withdrawal for Town Hall Siding Project	17,764.00
Year-end Yield Account Balance:	25,466.71



Respectfully Submitted

Joyce K. Hassell – Treasurer

Payments by the Selectmen

Selectmen:

Salaries	8,034.41
Expenses	50.20
Total:	8,084.61

Financial Administration:

General Office Expenses	375.83
N.H. Recorder of Deeds	96.60
Notices	208.80
Town Report	1,369.80
Town Meeting	95.00
Budget Meeting	93.00
Clerk Fees	857.50
Tax Collector Expenses	952.36
N.H. Tax Collectors' Association Spring Workshop	50.00
State of N.H. Vital Statistics	22.00
Payments to Yield Tax Account	7,372.02
Total:	11,592.91

Payments by the Selectmen (cont.)

Town Hall:

Fairpoint Communications	484.37
N.H. Electric Co-op	714.73
General Repairs	1,444.75
Dead River Company:	
Propane	2,539.20
1 Yr. LP Furnace Plan	249.95
Total:	5,433.00

Town Hall Siding Project:	Total:	19,764.00
Donation from Beautify Benton		(2,000.00)

Cemeteries:

Salaries & Expenses	Total:	1,108.20
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Insurance:

Local Government Center	993.72
Local Government Center/Workers' Comp.	250.00
Total:	1,243.72

Regional Associations:

N.H. Assoc. of Tax Collectors:	20.00
N.H. Assoc. of Assessing Officers	20.00
N.H. Municipal Association	619.40
Total:	659.40

Payments by the Selectmen (cont.)

Woodsville Ambulance:

2012 Service	3,012.50
2013 Service	3,162.50
Total:	6,175.00

Dispatch Service:

Grafton County Sheriff's Department	Total:	1,500.00
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Fire Protection:

Twin State Mutual	1,250.00
Haverhill Corner/North Haverhill Fire Dept.	2,500.00
North Haverhill Precinct (2012)	750.00
Total:	4,500.00

Animal Control:

Animal Control Officer Expenses, IDS, St. of N.H.

Animal Population Control	Total:	205.32
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Roads:

Elliott & Sons Construction	69,364.00
Materials and Supplies	6,711.14
Total:	76,075.14

Town Hall:

Computer:

Avitar Software & Annual Support (Year 2)	4,275.00
Wildblue Service	401.59
Total:	4,676.59

Payments by the Selectmen (cont.)

Welfare:

Grafton Co. Senior Citizen Council	600.00
North Country Council	352.62
New Hampshire Elec. Co-op	226.42
Northern Human Services	587.83
Tri County Community Action	500.00
North Country Home Health & Hospice	300.00
Direct Assistance	400.00
Total:	2,966.87

Social Security & Medicare:	Total:	1,330.00
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Assessing:

Steve M. Allen:

General Assessing Services	5,640.00
2013 Town-Wide Statistical Update	7,560.00
Expenses	316.30
Total:	13,516.30

Transfer of Funds to C.R.F. for Roads:

(2012)	10,000.00
(2013)	10,000.00
Total:	20,000.00

Schools:	Total:	419,339.00
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Taxes Bought by Town:	Total:	15,795.64
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Taxes Paid by Town:	Total:	39,936.00
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Checks Written:	Total:	653,801.70
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Selectmen of Benton: John W. Hassell, Daniel Elliott, Elena Chevalier

Report of Clerk to Treasurer - Benton, New Hampshire

Year End Totals for 2013 **Date: 12/31/2013**

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued (448):	\$50,278.00
Dog Licenses Issued and Fines Collected (67/0):	\$419.50
Marriage Licenses Issued (0):	\$0.00
Vital Record Searches (2):	\$30.00
Reimbursement from State:	\$225.00
Reimbursed bounced check:	\$79.00
Total Collected by Town Clerk for 2013	\$51,031.50

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued (448):	\$50,278.00
Dog Licenses Issued and Fines Collected (67/0):	\$419.50
Marriage Licenses Issued (0):	\$0.00
Vital Record Searches (2):	\$30.00
Reimbursement from State:	\$225.00
Reimbursed bounced check:	\$79.00
Total Submitted to Treasurer by Town Clerk for 2013	\$51,031.50

Motor Vehicles:	\$816.00
Dog Licenses Issued and Fines Collected (0/0):	\$33.50
Marriage Licenses Issued (67):	\$0.00
Vital Record Searches (0):	\$8.00
Total Billed to Town by Town Clerk for 2013	\$857.50

Michael Stiebitz

Michael Stiebitz,

Town Clerk

Notes from the Town Clerk

The year 2013 was a quiet year in Benton as we had no natural disasters like Hurricane Irene the year before which washed out large parts of Tunnel Stream Road as well as numerous smaller washouts.

The high point for us townsfolk, in my opinion, was the completion of the exterior renovation project at the Town Building. Aaron Goodwin and his crew stripped the curled and dilapidated shingles from the walls, applied insulation board, then plywood, and finished with new cedar shakes painted in a more traditional (for a Town Hall) white stain. Besides the fact that it looks great, the project gave the Town many years before any additional maintenance will be needed. An added bonus is the extra insulation in the walls which should shave a few more dollars off our propane bill.

My thanks go out again this year to the volunteers of the Beautify Benton Committee. Not only do they keep the inside of the Hall (and my office, in particular) in ship-shape, they sponsor the Memory Tree as well as the wreaths in various places around the town building and cemetery. The town is indebted to their service and dedication.

One last note on dogs: all owners of dogs over 4 months old must license them each year before April 30th. After May 30th, any license fee which remains unpaid can be increased by \$1.00 per month. Please make every effort this year to get your dogs licensed before April 30th.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Stiebitz

Michael P. Stiebitz,

Town Clerk



2014	Credit	Debit
Prepay for 2014 Taxes	\$1,211.44	
Interest on 2013 Tax payment	\$0.00	\$0.00

2013	Credit	Debit
Taxes Committed This Year:		\$508,518.56
Yield Taxes		\$252.37
2013 Taxes prepaid in 2012	\$6.00	\$6.00
Taxes Collected & Sent to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$197,496.09	
Yield Taxes	\$252.37	
Subtotal	\$197,754.46	
Taxes Uncollected at year's end	\$311,016.47	
Refunds issued	\$0.00	
2013 Totals	\$508,770.93	\$508,776.93

2012	Credit	Debit
Taxes Uncollected at Beginning of 2013		\$94,444.97
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees		\$3,777.58
Redemptions in 2013		\$6,060.33
Int. & Fees in Lien		\$0.00
Interest & Fees after Lien		\$54.67
Lien paid before Town bought Liens (principle only)		
Property Taxes	\$80,310.97	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees	\$3,777.58	
Int. & Fees in Lien (Collected)	\$0.00	
Interest & Fees after Lien	\$54.67	
Conversion to Lien (principle only)	\$14,134.00	
Redemptions	\$6,060.33	
Abatements Granted	\$0.00	
2012 Totals	\$104,337.55	\$104,337.55

2011	Credit	Debit
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beginning of 2013		\$14,305.42
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees		\$1,046.92
Redemptions	\$6,799.18	
Interest & Fees	\$1,046.92	
Liens Deeded to Town		(\$4,436.87)
Unredeemed Lien Bal. at end of 2013		(\$3,069.37)
2010 Totals	\$7,846.10	\$7,846.10

2010/2009/2008	Credit	Debit
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beginning of 2013		\$12,028.55
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees		\$3,784.06
Redemptions	\$8,389.44	
Interest & Fees	\$3,784.06	
2009 Yield Tax + interest	\$421.56	\$421.56
Liens Deeded to Town		(\$3,639.11)
Unredeemed Lien Bal. at end of 2012	\$0.00	
2009 Totals	\$12,595.06	\$12,595.06

Schedule of Non-Taxable Property

Name	Map	Lot	Acres RSA 75:1	Land RSA 75:1
Dept. of Agr. US Forest Serv	WMNF		24,041.3	\$21,359,307
State of NH Forest Div.	6	7	401.0	\$335,000
State of NH Glencliff Home	6	7	107.0	\$239,000
State of NH Glencliff Home	6	3	0.5	\$21,500
Town of Benton Crowther Lot	2	52	0.3	\$18,000
Town of Benton Mt. View Cmty	1	113	0.9	\$2,300
Town of Benton Mt. View Cmty	1	114	1.3	\$25,700
Town of Benton High St. Cmty	6	4	0.6	\$1,400
Town of Benton East Cmty	1	29	0.3	\$800
Town of Benton Comm. Bldg.	1	18	0.2	\$27,000
Town of Benton Old Town Hall Lot.	1	126	0.05	\$15,500
N. Benton Union Society	1	32	0.7	\$22,000
Benton Bible Chapel	1	49	1.4	\$36,000
Benton Bible Chapel Parsonage	1	58	1.7	\$36,800
Total of Non-Taxable Property			24,557.2	\$21,359,307

Summary of Inventory Valuation

Summary of Inventory Valuation		
Land, Improved and Unimproved	Acres	Value
Under Current Use (Incl. Conservation Restriction)	5,139.93	\$274,622.00
Residential Land (Incl. Commercial)	2,065.62	\$9,684,500.00
Total Taxable Land	14,411.1	\$9,982,922.00
Tax Exempt Land	24,557.12	\$22,073,900.00
Tax Exempt Buildings		\$8,638,200.00
Housing		
Residential (Incl. Commercial)		\$15,293,100.00
Manufactured Housing (per RSA 674.31)		\$1,197,000.00
Total Taxable Buildings		\$16,490,100.00
Public Utilities		\$722,866.00
Total Assessments		\$27,245,880.00
Less Elderly Exemptions		-\$15,000.00
Less Public Utilities		-\$772,866.00
Final Total of Inventory Valuation (at full tax rate)		\$26,458,022.00
State Education Tax (per thousand)		\$2.52
Local Education Tax (per thousand)		\$11.55
County Tax (per thousand)		\$1.71
Town Tax (per thousand)		\$0.06
Total Amount to be Raised		\$429,733.00

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Town of Benton

Grafton S.S.

March 12, 2013

The opening of the annual Benton Town Meeting was preceded by a brief announcement concerning the passing of Richard and Kristina Harris' infant daughter Sydney the day before. Pastor Wayne Chevalier said a brief prayer for her and her family and expressed the community's collective grief and support for the Harris family.

The Town Meeting was opened at 7:05PM by the Moderator, Gil Richardson. A motion was then made to adjourn to the School District meeting. The motion was seconded, and by voice vote, the Town Meeting was recessed to the School District meeting. The Town Meeting was reconvened at 7:32PM.

ARTICLE 1. To choose persons for the following positions and terms of service.

The following Town Officers were elected after a voice vote:

Selectman	3 Yr Term	John Hassell
Treasurer	1 Yr Term	Joyce K. Hassell
Auditor	1 Yr Term	Robert Steel
Town Clerk	1 Yr Term	Michael P. Stiebitz
Tax Collector	1 Yr Term	Michael P. Stiebitz
Ballot Clerk	1 Yr Term	Aaron Goodwin
Ballot Inspector	1 Yr Term	Maxine Tyler
Supervisor of the Checklist	3 Yr Term	Arthur Christopher
Surveyor of Wood & Lumber	1 Yr Term	Joseph N. Boutin Jr.
Sexton	1 Yr Term	Aaron Goodwin
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 Yr Term	Mark Elliott

It was pointed out that the position of Trustee of the Trust Funds was unintentionally omitted from the Article.

Motion to Amend the Article was made and accepted.

Martin Noble was nominated, seconded and elected by voice vote for a term of 3 years.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the officers and agents as printed. The Selectmen recommended this article.

Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$143,450 for General Municipal Operations.

Motion made to accept as written, seconded, and discussion ensued.

John Hassell stated that the amount is in error due to a computational error and should be \$141,150. Motion was made to amend the article, seconded and amended article was passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for Roads. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made to accept article as written, seconded, and passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$100 to the existing Benton Fire Trust Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds to come from Unreserved Fund balance. Selectmen recommended this article. Majority vote is necessary to pass.

Motion made to accept article as written, seconded, and discussion ensued. John Hassell pointed out that the Unreserved Fund Balance is in actuality money in a savings account. The article was then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up a maximum of \$10,000 to replace the siding of the Town Hall building with equivalent-style shingles and repair any unseen damage; said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made to accept article as written, seconded, and discussion ensued. John Hassell explained that bids were solicited last year to repaint/stain the current siding. The 3 respondents recommended replacing the existing shakes due to the advanced deterioration. In addition, the present wood trim (fascia, soffits, corners, etc.) would be replaced and any damage (rot, missing sheathing, etc.) found during the removal process would be repaired.

Several townsfolk offered opinions on what should be done to the building. Dan Elliott reluctantly suggested looking into vinyl siding as it normally is the lowest cost, lowest maintenance option. John stated that they had done a brief investigation into vinyl siding that looks like shakes, but found that it is quite expensive.

John Elliott suggested that if “doing it right” would cost \$20K or so, perhaps we should appropriate half the money this year and half next year.

Jeremy Elliott felt that if the siding was going to be removed, we should look into adding insulation to the walls, since the building most likely had none. Gil Richardson had done a complete thermal evaluation of the building 2 years ago as part of the energy audit conducted before the heating system was upgraded. He volunteered to go back and look at the results and create a value proposition for energy (fuel cost) savings vs insulation cost and share it with the Selectmen to help guide them in writing the next request for bid.

John Hassell took this opportunity to introduce the Town’s new website to the attendees. He explained that there is a “bulletin board” area on the site where the Selectmen can post results of surveys, studies, etc. He stated that he will post the ongoing progress of their findings and will also solicit input from the taxpayers when appropriate. He will also post the text of any bid request that goes out.

John also listed the various ways that a project like this could be funded, i.e. raise the monies from taxes, spend money from the Unreserved Fund Balance, or raise funds through community events such as Beautify Benton Committee activities. He pointed out that raising \$10K would represent an approximate \$0.14 increase in the tax rate if it were raise via taxes, and it would take a lot of baking to raise it via community activities. He suggested that using the Unreserved Fund Balance might be the way to go since the current balance was \$112,835.26 at the end of last year.

Joe Boutin raised concern that the paint on the building's trim most likely contained lead and that needed to be taken care of (abated) as part of any replacement procedure. John agreed to add that to the list of deliverables in the next request for bid.

Lara Saffo suggested that we amend the total amount of the article to \$20K maximum, and also to include additional insulation if it was found to be cost-effective.

Stef Saffo mentioned that there are water stains on the ceiling around the chimney and could that be addressed as part of this article. John pointed out that the Selectmen would take care of that under the general maintenance account.

Motions were made to increase the dollar amount to \$20K and to add insulation to the walls if it was found to be cost-effective. The motions were seconded and the article accepted as amended by voice vote.

Although there was no Article 7 concerning other business, a question arose concerning the parcel of land behind the Town Building which was donated by Sam Boutin and Ken Bullard. John Hassell explained that although the final paperwork had not been submitted to the Registry of Deeds, it would be done in the near future.

The current thinking is to construct some sort of shed back there to store the part of the Town's salt/sand pile (which currently sits out in front of the building) behind the building. John mentioned that Jeremy Elliott is working with Coventry Log Homes on a potential structure for the purpose.

Dan Elliott stated that there would always be the need for another (larger) stock of salt/sand as the space behind the building is not sufficient to hold all of the material needed for a winter.

John Hassell then talked about the need for volunteers to get a pressing project done once the ground thaws. As a result of work done on the well and pump last fall, the power wire to the well had to be left on the surface as the ground was frozen. We need someone with a small backhoe to bury the wire and seal the well casing. John stated that the Town would reimburse the volunteer for the fuel used. John pointed out that volunteering helps keep all of our taxes low.

John also mentioned the need for a website administrator volunteer. He suggested that anyone interested contact him via telephone or email.

Wayne Chevalier asked how potential volunteers could get matched to projects. John suggested that any interested parties contact the Selectmen via email (bentonselectmen@gmail.com) or stop by their weekly meeting, Mondays from 6:30PM.

Jeremy Elliott spoke about his desire to step down as Selectman. He has been a Selectman for 15 years and would like to move on with life. He has one more year in his term but will step down if any interested person wants to step up.

On a final note, John Hassell asked Stef Saffo to stand up. He thanked her for all of her work on behalf of the Town and especially for cleaning out the basement. The crowd gave a nice round of applause to her.

As all of the scheduled business had been attended to, a motion was made to adjourn the Town Meeting, it was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM on a voice vote.

Afterwards, all of the newly elected officials and agents present were sworn in by the Selectman, Jeremy Elliott.

A True Copy – Attest

Town Clerk of Benton

Michael P. Stiebitz Michael P. Stiebitz Dated: 3-16-2013

Vital Statistics for 2013 Benton, NH

Deaths

Died

Francis Dickenson	(Glenclyff Home)	02/24/2013
Sydney Harris	Benton	03/11/2013
Katherine Smith	(Glenclyff Home)	03/25/2013
Thomas Greene	Benton	05/03/2013
George Gregoire Jr	(Glenclyff Home)	05/16/2013
Andrew Williamson	(Glenclyff Home)	06/09/2013
Robert Pennybacker Accola	(Glenclyff Home)	07/27/2013
Thomas P. Devincenzo	(Glenclyff Home)	08/17/2013
Kathleen Mitchell	(Glenclyff Home)	08/17/2013
Stephanie Gadwah	(Glenclyff Home)	08/27/2013
Dan Willis	(Glenclyff Home)	09/21/2013
Jeannette Legare	Benton	11/19/2013
Terry A. Tupper	(Glenclyff Home)	12/03/2013
Josephine Bilinski	(Glenclyff Home)	12/20/2013

Marriages

Births

October 19, 2013	Chet Raymond Hall, son of Elizabeth and Michael Hall, in Lebanon, NH
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Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds
For the Year Ending December 31, 2013

Funds donated to the Town of Benton are in the custody of the Trustees. Donations are distributed as specified by the donors. Funds received during the year are deposited in a savings account until they can be transferred into the appropriate financial tool. Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank in Woodsville, NH holds all funds.

Year 2013 Donations – Cemetery Trust

Roger Stearns - \$50.00

Richard and Kristina Harris - \$750.00

Status of the Funds is as follows:

Trust Fund Savings

Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 617453	\$ 1,518.63
Cemetery/Common Trust Fund	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 662141	\$13,684.00
Capital Reserve Fund - Highways/Roads	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 655898	\$50,123.60
Capital Reserve Fund – Fires	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 617456	\$ 4,721.71
Revaluation Trust Fund	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings #655901	\$ 3,028.56
Expendable Trust – Schools	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings #659291	\$67,813.13

TOTAL HELD IN TRUST

BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND = \$140,889.63

Distributions of Interest at the end of 2013 from the Cemetery/Common Trust Fund

For cemetery use	\$ 9.75
For the schools	\$ 1.90
For the highway account	\$ 1.71
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Total	\$ 13.36

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees of the Trust Fund

Laura Richardson, Chair

Martin Noble

Mark Elliott

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013

DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Wayne Chevalier, CHAIR	Term Expires 2013
Lara Saffo	Term Expires 2015
Joseph Boutin III	Term Expires 2014

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

Gilbert Richardson.....	Moderator
Maxine Tyler	Treasurer
Robert Steel.....	Auditor
Michael Stiebitz.....	Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Bruce C. Labs

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District of Benton in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 11th day of March 2014, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To choose a School District Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: To choose one School Board Member for a term of three years to expire in 2017.

ARTICLE 4: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5: To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6: To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on the warrant. (The school board recommends \$573,953.00)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars to be added to the previously established Benton Tuition and Education Expendable Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2014. (The school board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Benton this _____ day of February, 2014

A True Copy of Warrant – Attest:

Wayne Chevalier, Chairman

Joseph Boutin III

Lara Saffo

BENTON SCHOOL BOARD

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

SCHOOL WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARCH 12, 2013

The meeting opened at 7:06 PM.

ARTICLE 1:

To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Gilbert W. Richardson was elected by voice vote.

Gil mentioned that the term of School Moderator can be 1, 2, or 3 years. He suggested that next year we include a warrant article to change the term from 1 year to 2 years in order to synchronize with the Town Moderator

ARTICLE 2:

To choose a School District Clerk for the ensuing year.

Michael P. Stiebitz was elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE 3:

To choose one School Board Member for a term of three years to expire in 2016.

Wayne Chevalier was elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4:

To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Maxine Tyler was elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5:

To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

Robert Steel was elected by voice vote.

It was noted that Bob Steel is trying to sell his house and if/when he succeeds, he will be stepping down as Auditor. The group acknowledged the possibility of finding a successor during this next term.

ARTICLE 6:

To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

Motion made to accept the article as written, seconded and discussion ensued.

Bruce Labs thanked the Benton School Board for all their support and attention over the years.

Article then passed on voice vote.

ARTICLE 7:

To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on the warrant. (The School board recommends \$653,122.00)

Motion to accept, seconded and discussion ensued.

Ali Noble explained that the dollar amount of the article needs to be amended to \$634,715.00. Initially, the Town lost a home schooled student, which reduced the amount needed. Then two other students left town. This would have brought the total even lower. However, it was then discovered that an additional special ed student was being enrolled. After all was said and done, the revised total stood.

Motion was mad to amend the dollar amount requested to \$634,715.00.

Motion was seconded and the amended article was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8:

Shall the school district vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, the retention of year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed in any fiscal year 2.5% of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA198:4-b. II. Such fund balance retained can only be used to reduce the tax rate or for emergency expenditures and over-expenditures under RSA 32:11 which are approved by the Department of Education. (The school board recommends this article)

Motion to accept as written, seconded and discussion ensued.

Pat Amsden stated that this article is a result of a new law passed by the legislature which now permits school districts to do what towns have always been permitted to do, namely use surplus funds to reduce taxes or for emergency purposes without having to have a special town meeting to do so.

Article then passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9:

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Motion to accept article as written, seconded, the article then passed on a voice vote.

Ali Noble stated that she was stepping down before the end of her term as she has been on the board for 16 years and is ready for a change. She recommended that we appoint Joe Boutin III to serve the rest of her term (1 year).

The appointment of Joe Boutin III for the remainder of Ali Noble's term (1 year) was approved by voice vote.

The assembly then gave a large round of applause to Ali for her long service on the school board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27PM. All new officers present were sworn in at the closing.

A true copy

Attest:

Michael P. Stiebitz

Michael P. Stiebitz

Benton School District Clerk

Benton, New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I am once again pleased to address the residents, taxpayers, and voters of Benton to offer, this my annual report for the 2012-13 school year. These are times of change in education and we find ourselves actively engaged in moving from the ideas of the past to the future of interventions, data, and research and, of course, the Common Core State Standards along with most of the states in the country.

This last year, and the year before, we have been engaged in changing the way we do things using technology, testing, and intensive small group instruction to try to pinpoint students strengths and weaknesses and work with the each of them to improve. We are using a data warehouse to keep track of student progress. The early reports are that we are making progress and the entire staff at all our schools are supportive and invested in this effort. This effort combined with our transition to the Common Core State Standards in 2014 is our current mission.

We continue to be committed to preschool in all of our schools and believe that over time this will greatly improve the performance of our young students. The Common Core demands that students learn increasingly more difficult concepts earlier in their school career.

I want to thank Myrtie Beck Special Education teacher at Woodsville Elementary and Mike Ackerman Physical Education teacher, Athletic Director, and coach at Woodville HS who both officially retired in 2013. Mike has retired from his teaching but is staying on part time as Athletic Director and coach. We wish them both well and thank them for their excellent service for so many years.

I want to once again thank all of the voters and taxpayers for their continued support of the students in our communities. It continues to be an honor and pleasure to serve the schools in SAU#23. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the operations of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce C. Labs

Superintendent of Schools

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S AND
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARIES**

One-half of the School Administrative Unit expenses are prorated among the school districts on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of SAU #23, during the 2012-2013 school year will receive a salary of \$104,588. There is no Assistant Superintendent or Business Administrator at this time.

The table below shows the pro-ration of the salary to each school district:

Superintendent Salary 2013-2014		
Bath	12,624	12.07%
Benton	2,280	2.18%
Haverhill Cooperative	69,154	66.12%
Piermont	11,044	10.56%
Warren	9,486	9.07%
TOTAL	\$104,588	100%

HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

TEACHER QUALITY REPORT FALL 2013

Education Level of Faculty and Administration at Each School

	BA	BA+15	MA	MA+30
WES Teachers	6.5	11	2	1.5
WES Administration			1	
HCMS Teachers	6.5	3.7	11.5	5
HCMS Administration			1	1
WHS Teachers	6	11.8	5.5	2
WHS Administration			1	1

Number of
Teachers with
Provisional (Intern)
Certification

Woodsville Elementary School	1
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	0
Woodsville High School	1

Number of Core
Academic Courses
Not Taught By
Highly Qualified
Teachers

Woodsville Elementary School	0
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	0
Woodsville High School	0

PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW

As a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or Legal guardian, you have the right to know:

1. Who is teaching your child;
2. The qualifications and experience of your child's teacher(s).

For information concerning your child's teacher(s), please contact the Superintendent's Office at:
SAU #23

2975 Dartmouth College Highway

North Haverhill, NH 03774

603-787-2113

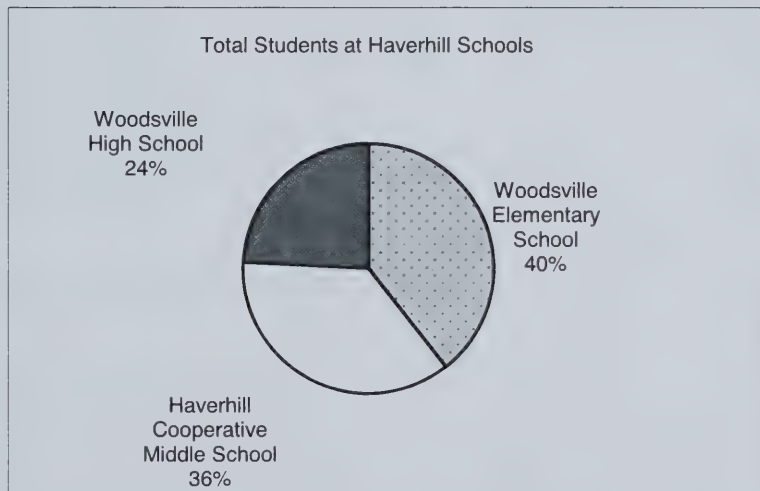
A copy of the Haverhill Cooperative School District Title One
Report Card is available at each school

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

TUITION STUDENTS

2012-2013

	<u>Total Students</u>	<u>Total Tuition Costs Per School</u>
Woodsville Elementary School	13	\$144,555.00
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	12	\$150,686.75
Woodsville High School	8	\$85,330.13
SUB TOTAL*	33	\$380,571.88
King Street School	1	\$16,907.81
TOTAL		\$397,479.69



* This includes the 10% discount because Benton sends all students to Haverhill

**REPORT OF THE BENTON SCHOOL
DISTRICT TREASURER**

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013

Cash on Hand, July 1, 2012	\$ 41,548.55
Total Revenues Received	558,653.05
Total School Board Orders Paid	(596,124.06)
Cash on Hand June 30, 2013	\$ 4,077.54

Maxine Tyler, School District Treasurer

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET

		GENERAL	TRUST FUND
	<u>Act.</u>	<u>Fund 10</u>	<u>Fund 70</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
CASH	100	4,077.54	-
INVESTMENTS	110		67,779.48
INTERFUND RECEIVABLE	130		-
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLES	140	4,914.18	-
OTHER RECEIVABLES	150		-
PREPAID EXPENSES	180		-
Total Current Assets		8,991.72	67,779.48
LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
INTERFUND PAYABLES	400	2,841.50	-
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	410		

PAYABLES			-
OTHER PAYABLES	420	970.59	-
ACCRUED EXPENSES	460		
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	470		
DEFERRED REVENUES	480		
Total Current Liabilities		3,812.09	-
Fund Equity			
RESERVED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES	760		67,779.48
RESERVED FOR ENCUMBRANCES	753		-
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	770	5,179.63	
Total Fund Equity		5,179.63	67,779.48
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity		8,991.72	67,779.48

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS
PREVIOUS TWO FISCAL YEARS PER RSA 32:11-a

		<u>2011- 2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>
<u>Special Education Expenses</u>			
1200/1230	Special Programs	80,498	108,424
1430	Summer School	717	1,298
2150	Speech and Audiology	-	
2162	Physical Therapy	2,099	3,892
2163	Occupational Therapy	5,464	5,973
2722	Special Transportation	947	8,272
Total Expenses		89,725	127,859

Special Education Revenue

3110	SPED portion of State Adequacy	5,401	7,387
3230	Catastrophic Aid		
4580	Medicaid	16,144	25,337
Total Revenues		21,545	32,724

District Cost for Special Education	68,180	95,135
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IDEA Entitlement Funds through SAU23

Part A - Preschool	0	0
Part B - Special Education	2,645	2,647

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

REVENUES

		2012 - 2013	2013 - 2014	2014 - 2015	
		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>REVISED</u>	<u>PROJECTED</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		27,389	5,180	100,000	94,820
<u>Local</u>					
1111	Local Education Tax	314,609	399,233	249,762	(149,471)
1510	Interest	8	-	-	-
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust	2,158			-
<u>State</u>					
3111	State Adequacy Grant	120,189	125,260	127,908	2,648
3112	State Adequacy Tax	66,730	68,617	58,413	(10,204)
3241	Vocational Education Tuition	8,940	6,286	6,264	(22)
3242	Vocational Transportation	708	554	571	17
<u>Federal</u>					
4580	Medicaid Reimbursement	25,337	14,500	15,950	1,450
4810	National Forest Reserve	15,085	15,085	15,085	-
SUBTOTAL BUDGET		581,153	634,715	573,953	(60,762)
Transfer to Expendable Trust		15,000			-
TOTAL BUDGET AND ARTICLES		596,153	634,715	573,953	(60,762)

SCHOOL TAX RATE

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	PROJECTED	CURRENT	
	<u>2012 - 2013</u>	<u>2013 - 2014</u>	<u>2013 - 2014</u>	<u>2014 - 2015</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>	
Local property tax rate	11.55	14.86	15.78	9.87	-5.91	25,299 per \$1,000
State property tax rate	<u>2.52</u>	<u>2.59</u>	<u>2.8</u>	<u>2.38</u>	<u>-0.42</u>	24,513 per \$1,000
Total School Tax Rate	14.07	17.45	18.58	12.25	-6.33	

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET 2014-2015

		2012-2013	2013-2014	PROPOSED	Increase/Decrease
<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>
1100.561	REGULAR TUITION	380,572	438,031	370,294	(67,737)
1200.330	SPECIAL ED SERVICES	700	860	3,360	2,500
1200.561	SPECIAL ED. TUITION IN STATE	89,958	84,626	53,760	(30,866)
1200.562	SPECIAL ED TUITION OUT OF STATE	858	950	1,000	50
1230.564	SPECIAL ED. PRIVATE TUITION	16,908	21,163	60,897	39,734
1300.562	VOICATIONAL/RIVERBEND TUITION	17,460	13,920	13,920	-
1430.561	SUMMER SCHOOL PUBLIC TUITION	1,298	2,050	3,400	1,350
1430.564	SUMMER SCHOOL PRIVATE TUITION	-	1,200	-	(1,200)
2160.330	PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	9,865	11,343	10,639	(704)
2311.111	SCHOOL BOARD SALARIES				-

		600	600	600	
2311.220	SCHOOL BOARD PAYROLL TAXES	46	46	46	-
2311.260	SCHOOL BOARD WORKERS COMP	154	251	250	(1)
2311.520	LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,850	2,990	3,120	130
2311.540	ADVERTISING	71	179	100	(79)
2311.640	SCHOOL BOARD BOOKS	10	20	20	-
2311.810	SCHOOL BOARD FEES	859	900	900	-
2313.111	TREASURER SALARIES	200	200	200	-
2313.220	TREASURER PAYROLL TAXES	15	18	18	-
2313.260	TREASURER WORKERS COMP	51	83	83	-
2313.534	TREASURER POSTAGE	-	31	31	-
2313.610	TREASURER SUPPLIES	-	21	21	-
2314.111	DISTRICT MEETING SALARIES	62	61	61	-
2314.220	DISTRICT MEETING PAYROLL TAXES	5	5	5	-
2314.260	DISTRICT MEETING WORKERS COMP	16	26	26	-
2317.111	AUDIT SALARIES	50	50	-	(50)
2317.220	AUDIT PAYROLL TAXES	4	5	-	(5)
2317.330	AUDIT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	-	-	721	721
2318.330	LEGAL SERVICES	-	250	250	-
2321.310	SAU SERVICES	17,962	17,638	14,968	(2,670)

2721.510	REGULAR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	26,015	26,993	27,513	520
2722.510	SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION	8,272	8,805	6,350	(2,455)
2723.510	VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	1,113	1,400	1,400	-
5252.930	TRANSFER TO TRUST FUND	15,000	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL		590,974	634,715	573,953	(60,762)

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 APPROVED BUDGET - SUMMARY

<u>DEPARTMENT NUMBER / DESCRIPTION</u>	2013 - 2014	2014 - 2015	INCREASE/ <u>(DECREASE)</u>
	<u>APPROVED BUDGET</u>	<u>APPROVED BUDGET</u>	
1100 ITINERANT TEACHERS	199,104	207,763	8,659
1230 FRENCH POND PROGRAM	250,448	266,963	16,515
1231 KING STREET PROGRAM	240,253	238,255	(1,998)
1430 SUMMER SCHOOL	12,497	12,997	500
2120 ITINERANT GUIDANCE	52,171	51,278	(893)
2125 DATA MANAGEMENT		28,265	28,265
2150 SPEECH/LANGUAGE	283,692	313,341	29,649
2162 PHYSICAL THERAPY	43,350	54,840	11,490
2163 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	111,100	112,368	1,268
2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	366	366	-

2213 STAFF DEVELOPMENT	200	200	-
2220 TECHNOLOGY SUPERVISION	46,277	125,154	78,877
2311 SCHOOL BOARD	6,479	6,279	(200)
2312 SCHOOL BOARD CLERK		977	977
2313 DISTRICT TREASURER	2,677	3,379	702
2317 AUDIT	6,075	6,760	685
2318 LEGAL COUNSEL	800	800	-
2321 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	559,815	470,959	(88,856)
2330 SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMIN.	176,628	186,651	10,023
2334 504 COORDINATOR	4,592	4,874	282
2540 SAU-WIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS	740	700	(40)
2620 BUILDING & RENT	36,115	36,144	29
2640 EQUIPMENT RENTAL, MAINTENANCE	6,473	6,120	(353)
2810 RESEARCH, PLANNING, DEVELPMT	2,100	2,100	-
2820 COMPUTER NETWORK	27,353	28,038	685
2832 RECRUITMENT ADVERTISING	1,000	1,000	-
2835 STAFF PHYSICALS	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>-</u>
SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND	2,070,455	2,166,721	96,266
IDEA SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANTS	275,859	257,340	(18,519)

TOTAL BUDGET**2,346,314****2,424,061****77,747****SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 REVENUES**

		BUDGET	BUDGET	
		<u>2013 - 2014</u>	<u>2014 - 2015</u>	<u>+/(-)</u>
LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN ASSESSMENT				
1320	Tuition - French Pond	139,415	174,144	34,729
1321	Tuition - King Street School	266,393	274,008	7,615
1325	Tuition - Summer School	12,497	12,997	500
1950	Itinerants - art, music, phys. Ed, tech, guidance	277,552	321,160	43,608
1951	Speech/ Language	283,692	313,341	29,649
1952	Physical Therapy	43,350	54,840	11,490
1953	Occupational Therapy	111,100	112,368	1,268
1510	Interest	100	100	-
	Use of Fund Balance	<u>127,274</u>	<u>94,681</u>	<u>(32,593)</u>
Total Other Revenue General Fund		1,261,373	1,357,639	96,266
1111	DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS	<u>809,082</u>	<u>809,082</u>	<u>(0)</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES		2,070,455	2,166,721	96,266
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FUND 22 - GRANTS		275,859	257,340	(18,519)
TOTAL SAU REVENUES INCLUDING GRANTS		2,346,314	2,424,061	77,747

DISTRICT ASSESSMENT SHARES AS DETERMINED BY NH RSA194-C:9

<u>District</u>	<u>2013 - 2014</u>	<u>2014 - 2015</u>	<u>+/(-)</u>
Bath	97,656	102,349	4,693
Benton	17,638	14,968	(2,670)
Haverhill	534,965	526,308	(8,657)
Piermont	85,439	90,051	4,612
Warren	<u>73,384</u>	<u>75,406</u>	<u>2,022</u>
TOTAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS	809,082	809,082	-

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